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CREASED ASSISTANCE FOR GOC

REF: STATE 013127 AND 015175; BOGOTA 0981 AND 1414

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE OUR CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPE-
CIFIC LEVELS AND TYPES OF ASSISTANCE FOR THE GOC NARCOTICS EFFORT.
THIS IS PROVIDED AS OUR CONSIDERED BELIEF OF WHAT IS NECESSARY AND
REALISTIC AND IN A FORMAT ADAPTABLE FOR THE FY-77 CONGRESSIONAL
PRESENTATION. THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS SHOULD BE NOTED WITH
REGARD TO THESE RECOMMENDATIONS:

A) THE RECOMMENDATIONS TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE GOC BRIEFINGS (BO-
GOTA 0981 AND 1414) AND ASSUME A SUBSTANTIALLY INCREASED EFFORT
ORGANIZED ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED TO US. BUT THE SPECIFIC LEV-
ELS AND EQUIPMENT RECOMMENDED HEREIN HAVE NOT BEEN DISCUSSED WITH
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AND ARE NOT KNOWN TO THE GOC.

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B) THE PRINCIPLE OF MINISTRY OF DEFENSE COORDINATION IS A DECISION OF THE GOC. AS A PRACTICAL MATTER THE MOD REASSY IS THE ONLY VEHICLE THAT CAN PERFORM THIS FUNCTION FROM AN INTERNAL BUREAUCRATIC POINT OF VIEW. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IDEA WILL NOT WORK (SEE BOGOTA 1176).

C) AS NOTED, THIS IS OUR EARNEST RECOMMENDATION FOR AID THAT IS BOTH NEEDED AND REALISTIC IN TERMS OF WHAT THE GOC CAN MOUNT.

D) THERE IS NOW A REQUIREMENT FOR A US DECISION AS TO LEVELS OF AID SO WE CAN RESUME ANY MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GOC. FURTHER TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS OF PLANS WITH THE GOC IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT A LEVEL, WILL ONLY LEAD TO A CIRCULAR CHICKEN-AND-EGG DISCUSSION.

2. WE WOULD ENVISAGE SIGNING PROJECT AGREEMENTS UNDER ANY EXPANDED ASSISTANCE PROGRAM WITH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AS GOC NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT COORDINATION AGENCY. THESE WOULD BE COUNTERSIGNED BY THE PARTICULAR AGENCY HEAD FOR WHICH THE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE PROAG WOULD BE DESTINED. THE PROAGS WOULD OF COURSE SPECIFY THE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY ACCOUNTABLE FOR COMMODITIES, AND WOULD SPECIFICALLY SPECIFY THAT ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED IS TO BE USED ESSENTIALLY FOR NARCOTICS INTERDICTION. (WE ENVISAGE THAT AIRCRAFT WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE AIR FORCE FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS, BUT UNDER THE NATIONAL TASK FORCE'S COMMAND CONTROL. THE BOATS WOULD SIMILARLY BE ASSIGNED TO THE NAVY. COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT MAY HAVE TO BE ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS AGENCIES, ESPECIALLY THE MOD, DEPENDING UPON EXISTING NETWORKS.)

3. PROJECT TARGET AND COURSES OF ACTION. THIS PROJECT WILL ASSIST THE GOC TO DEVELOP THE CAPABILITIES TO CARRY OUT ITS AMBITIOUS PLAN TO ATTACK ALL ASPECTS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING AND PRODUCTION IN COLOMBIA, AND TO MOBILIZE, UNDER UNIFIED COMMAND, ALL CIVILIAN AND MILITARY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES TO THIS END. CURRENT GOC PLANNING CALLS FOR VASTLY INCREASED GOC MANPOWER AND EXPENDITURES TO CONTROL ALL FOUR PHASES OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING AND PRODUCTION IN THIS COUNTRY, VIZ. IMPORTATION OF THE RAW MATERIAL (COCAINE BASE AND PASTE) FROM PERU, ECUADOR AND BOLIVIA, LOCAL PRODUCTION OF ILLEGAL COCAINE AND MARIJUANA, THE PROCESSING OF PASTE CONFIDENTIAL

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AND BASE INTO COCAINE HYDROCLORIDE, AND FINALLY, THE ILLEGAL EXPORT OF COCAINE AND MARIJUANA TO THE US AND EUROPE. THE PRIME TARGETS IN THIS BASIC OPERATIONAL PLAN ARE MAJOR COLOMBIAN CRIMINAL NETWORKS THAT CONTROL ALL PHASES OF DRUG PRODUCTION AND TRAFFICKING.

4. THOUGH THE GOC AT ALL LEVELS HAS EXPRESSED ITS FIRM DETERMINATION TO TACKLE THE DRUG TRAFFICKING PROBLEM ON A MASSIVE SCALE,

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ENFORCEMENT SERVICES DO NOT HAVE ALL THE TOOLS, NOR THE TRAINED MANPOWER, THEY NEED TO DO THE JOB. TRNASPORT, COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER US AND GOC SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT IN-COUNTRY OR IN THE PIPELINE IS BARELY SUFFICIENT FOR EXISTING NARCOTICS UNITS IN DAS, THE NATIONAL POLICE AND CUSTOMS. CURRENT GOC PLANNING CALLS FOR DIRECT MILITARY PARTICIPATION IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION, AS WELL AS THE ADDITION OF NEW COMBINED REGIONAL NARCOTICS UNITS MADE UP OF ALL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THE GOC HAS NOT YET TRANSLATED ITS PRELIMINARY PLANNING INTO NEW MANPOWER NEEDS. OUR CONSULTATIONS WITH OFFICIALS HERE, HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT COLOMBIA ENVISAGES A THREE-FOLD INCREASE IN ITS NARCOTICS STAFFING; I.E. AN EVENTUAL TOTAL OF SOME 1000, MORE OR LESS FULLTIME OPERATIVES FROM CIVILIAN AND MILITARY AGENCIES, PLUS REGULAR USE OF MILITARY MEN IN INTELLIGENCE AND LOGISTICAL FUNCTIONS IN SUPPORT OF ALL DRUG INTERDICTION AGENCIES, LOCAL AND REGIONAL NARCOTICS OPERATIONAL UNITS.

5. PROGRESS TO DATE. IN SUPPORT OF THE CONCEPT AND PLAN OF ACTION OUTLINED ABOVE, COLOMBIAN PRESIDENT LOPEZ HAS CHARGED THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR PLANNING, ORGANIZING AND COORDINATING A UNIFIED NATIONAL EFFORT AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS OPERATING FROM COLOMBIA. THE PLANS DRAWN UP THUS FAR BY MOD CALL FOR A POOLING OF ALL AVAILABLE MANPOWER, EQUIPMENT AND INTELLIGENCE RESPONSIBILITY WILL BE VESTED IN A NATIONAL TASK FORCE LOCATED IN BOGOTA AND MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NATIONAL POLICE, DAS, CUSTOMS, THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE AND THE MILITARY SERVICES UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE MOD CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE (D-2). THIS GROUP WILL COORDINATE ALL DRUG ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS CARRIED OUT BY EACH INDIVIDUAL AGENCY OR COMBINATION OF AGENCIES, AS WELL AS SUPPLY FINISHED INTELLIGENCE AND LOGISTICAL SUPPORT TO ALL AGENCIES. FOR OPERATIONS IN THE FIELD, THIS CENTRAL UNIT CONCEPT WILL BE REPLICATED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY IN EACH OF 11 MILITARY REGIONS. FINALLY, THE GOC PLAN
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CALLS FOR THE EVENTUAL CREATION OF SPECIALIZED NARCOTICS UNITS MADE UP OF ALL PARTICIPATING SERVICES IN EVERY MAJOR COLOMBIAN CITY. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OUTLINED ABOVE WILL PROCEED FROM THE TOP DOWN ON A STEP-BY-STEP BASIS AS TRAINED MANPOWER AND EQUIPMENT ARE AVAILABLE. EXISTING NARCO UNITS IN DAS, NATIONAL POLICE AND CUSTOMS WILL REMAIN IN TACT UNDER THE CENTRALIZED COORDINATION SYSTEM OUTLINED ABOVE.

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6. IN ORDER TO MEET EXPANDED DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE RESPONSIBILITIES ASSIGNED BY PRESIDENT LOPEZ AND STILL CARRY OUT OTHER PRIORITY PUBLIC ORDER MISSIONS, GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WILL NEED RELATIVELY LARGE NEW US ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING SPECIALIZED TRAINING. MAJOR EQUIPMENT ITEMS TO SUPPORT A MAJOR NEW GOC EFFORT WILL INCLUDE HELICOPTERS, LIGHT FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT, OFFSHORE PATROL BOATS, GROUND-SEA-AIR COMMUNICATIONS, INVESTIGATORY AND INTELLIGENCE GEAR AND VEHICLES FOR NEW REGIONAL AND LOCAL NARCOTICS UNITS OPERATING UNDER UNIFIED NATIONAL COMMAND.

7. FY-76 PROGRAMS (INCLUDING IQ).

A. US TDY TECHNICIANS: IN ORDER TO ASSURE SMOOTH PHASE-IN OF NEW AIRCRAFT, PATROL BOATS AND COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT, GOC ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WILL NEED THE TDY SERVICES OF US TECHNICIANS EXPERT IN HILICOPTER MAINTENANCE (SIX MAN-MONTHS), DIESEL ENGINE MAINTENANCE (PATROL BOATS--SIX MAN-MONTHS) AND COMMUNICATIONS (SIX MAN-MONTHS). THESE TECHNICIANS WILL ASSIST GOC AGENCIES IN ES-
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TABLISHING SPARE PARTS INVENTORY CONTROL AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES, AND IN TRAINING ADDITIONAL COLOMBIAN TECHNICIANS TO MAIN-

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TAIN THE EQUIPMENT WE SUPPLY. BECAUSE HELICOPTERS AND PATROL CRAFT WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO THE COLOMBIAN MILITARY FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE ON BEHALF OF ALL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES, WE WOULD LIKE TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING TDY TECHNICAL SERVICES IN THESE AREAS UNDER EXISTING MILITARY ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS. NOTE: ABOVE TDY TECHNICIANS TO BE ASSIGNED TO SUPPLEMENT THE SERVICES OF TWO FULL-TIME RESIDENT AID NARCOTICS ADVISORS.

B. PARTICIPANTS.

(1) TRAINING AT DEA-WASHINGTON FOR 10 TO 20 SELECTED OFFICIALS ASSIGNED TO VARIOUS DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE FUNCTIONS UNDER UNIFIED AND EXPANDED DRUG ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM. PRIORITY WOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE OFFICIALS FORMING THE NUCLEUS OF NEW REGIONAL AND LOCAL COMBINED ALL-AGENCY NARCOTICS UNITS.

(2) US TRAINING FOR TWO COMMUNICATIONS SPECIALISTS WHO WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INSTALLING AND MAINTAIING MICRO-WAVE EQUIPMENT IN GOC NARCO INTERDICTION AIRCRAFT AND SEA-PATROL CRAFT. SUCH EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH EXISTING MILITARY-NATIONAL POLICE MICRO-WAVE NET.

C. IN-COUNTRY TRAINING (MTTS): US CUSTOMS AND DEA IN-COUNTRY TRAINING FOR 90 TO 130 OFFICIALS INVOLVED DIRECTLY IN DRUG ENFORCEMENT AND INTELLIGENCE WORK UNDER NEW UNIFIED ENFORCEMENT SYSTEM. TRAINEES WOULD INCLUDE OFFICIALS OF ALL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THIS WILL ASSURE QUALIFIED PERSONNAL TO MAN NEW NARCO UNITS TO BE ESTABLISHED THROUGHOUT COLOMBIA. THE BEST STUDENTS IN THESE COURSES SHOULD BE CROSS-TRAINED AS INSTRUCTORS.

D. COMMODITIES:

(1) SEVEN BELL 205A-1 HELICOPTERS ($6.8 MILLION). HELICOPTERS WOULD BE ASSIGNED PRIMARILY TO CARRY NARCO AGENTS TO ISOLATED CLANDESTINE AIRSTRIPS AND COCAINE LABS OPERATED BY TRAFFICKERS. EXPERIENCE WITH "OPERATION KITCHEN" AND OTHER RECENT BILATERAL INVESTIGATIONS INDICATE PRESSING NEED FOR FAST-REACTION CAPABILITY AGAINST TRAFFICKERS OPERATING FROM REMOTE AREAS NOT ACCESSIBLE BY VEHICLE OR FIXED-WING AIRCRAFT. USE OF HELICOPTERS FOR VERTICAL ENVELOPMENT IS INTENDED TO OUT-FLANK OFTEN HEAVY TRAFFICKERS' DEFENSES AND ACHIEVE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE. SECONDARY USE OF COPTERS INCLUDES SEARCH AND DESTROY MISSIONS AGAINST COCAINE

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AND MARIJUANA PLANTATIONS IN ISOLATED AREAS SUCH AS THE SIERRA NEVADA. HELICOPTERS WOULD BE BASED PRIMARILY AT BOGOTA AND MELGAR WHERE GOC AIR FORCE HAS MAINTENANCE FACILITIES BUT WOULD ALSO BE TEMPORARILY B 3$ 3) 32#343, FOR EXAMPLE THE GUAJIRA AND OTHER HARD TO REACH TRAFFICKER BASE REGIONS.

(2) GOC AF CAN SUPPLY GOOD MAINTENANCE SERVICES AND TRAINED PILOTS FOR BELL 205S. OF TEN 205S NOW IN-COUNTRY AND ASSIGNED TO COUNTER-INSURGENCY OPS, SIX ARE FLYING, A GOOD RECORD FOR ANY AIR FORCE. AVERAGE FIFTY PERCENT OPERATIONAL RATE MEANS, HOW-

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EVER, THAT WE ARE OBLIGED REQUEST TOTAL OF NINE HELICOPTERS OVER TWO FISCAL YEARS IN ORDER KEEP MINIMUM OF FOUR OR FIVE RUNNING AT ALL TIMES FOR NARCOTICS INTERDICTION SUPPORT THROUGHOUT COLOMBIA. IN ORDER ASSURE THIS MINIMUM AVAILABILITY RATE, WE RECOMMEND THAT HELICOPTER PURCHASE PACKAGE INCLUDE ADDITIONAL TRAINING FOR PILOTS AND MECHANICS, SOME FACTORY MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR INITIAL YEAR OF OPERATIONS, AND SPARE PARTS PACKAGE.

(3) FOUR PIPER NAVAJO CHIEFTAN OR CESSNA 402-B PRESSURIZED AIRCRAFT FOR PATROLLING, SPOTTING AND TRANSPORTING NARCO AGENTS TO OPERATIONAL SITES WHEN COMMERCIAL AIR TRANSPORT NOT PRACTICAL. UNDER UNIFIED COMMAND SET-UP, THESE AIRCRAFT--AND OTHERS CONFISCATED FROM TRAFFICKERS--WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO ALL ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR PRIORITY INTERVENTION. AT PRESENT, UNDER NON-UNIFIED OPERATIONS, NATIONAL POLICE AND OTHER AGENCIES ARE MOST OFTEN OBLIGED TO RENT AIRCRAFT FOR SPECIAL OPERATIONS OUTSIDE BOGOTA. SUBSTANTIAL DELAYS HAVE RESULTED AND MAJOR CASES HAVE BEEN LOST. PURCHASE CONTRACT FOR NEW AIRCRAFT SHOULD INCLUDE TRAINING FOR A FEW ADDITIONAL PILOTS AND MECHANICS AND SOME SPARE PARTS. GOC AF CAN PROVIDE MAINTENANCE AND PILOT SERVICES FOR BOTH MODELS RECOMMENDED ABOVE. ESTIMATED COST: $1.4 MILLION.

(4) MICRO-WAVE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR ALL ABOVE FIXED WING AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS. COMMO EQUIPMENT INSTALLED WOULD BE COMPATIBLE WITH EXISTING MILITARY-NATIONAL POLICE NATIONAL COMMO NETWORK. SUCH EQUIPMENT INSTALLED ON AIRCRAFT WOULD ASSURE FIRM CENTRAL CONTROL OF NARCOTICS OPERATIONS, QUICK MARSHALING OF ALL AVAILABLE RESOURCES AND RAPID EXCHANGES OF INTELLIGENCE AMONG UNITS COMPRISING UNIFIED OPERATIONAL COMMAND FOR DRUG ENFORCEMENT. ($180,000).

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(5) RUBBER BLADDER-TYPE FUEL STORAGE FACILITIES FOR USE AT REMOTE AIRFIELDS EMPLOYED BY AIRCRAFT AND COPTERS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS OPERATIONS. SUCH STORAGE FACILITIES PARTICULARLY CRUCIAL IN LLANOS AND GUAJIRA REGIONS WHERE TRAFFICKERS ARE PARTICULARLY ACTIVE AND WHERE FUEL STORAGE FACILITIES ARE INADEQUATE FOR SUSTAINED AIR OPERATIONS. ($70,000).

(6) TWO 70-FOOT (BERTRAM) DIESEL-ENGINE OFFSHORE PATROL CRAFT FOR EXTENDED PATROL WORK ALONG THE CARIBBEAN COAST. CRAFT WOULD BE ASSIGNED TO GOC NAVY FOR OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE AND USED MAINLY TO COVER TRAFFICKER-INFESTED COASTLINE FROM CARTAGENA TO THE GUAJIRA. PATROL CRAFT WOULD WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH AIR AND GROUND PATROLS UNDER COORDINATION CENTRAL NARCOTICS TASK FORCE IN BOGOTA. PACKAGE SHOULD INCLUDE SPARE ENGINE PARTS, RADAR, MICRO-WAVE COMPATIBLE COMMO GEAR AND NAVIGATIONAL AIDS. ESTIMATED COST: $800,000 FOR TWO CRAFT.

(7) REPAIRS TO FOUR CURRENTLY NON-OPERATIONAL 60-FOOT CLASS NAVY PATROL BOATS. ACCORDING TO A RECENT US NAVY SURVEY, THESE BOATS ARE ECONOMICALLY REPAIRABLE AND SUITABLE FOR OFF-SHORE PA-
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TROL WORK. COMMODITIES WOULD INCLUDE EIGHT GENERAL MOTORS SERIES V1671 DIESELS WITH 2 TO 1 REDUCTION GEARS (TWO FOR EACH BOAT), FOUR GENERAL MOTORS SERIES 471 DIESELS WITH 40 TO 40 KW GENERATORS (ONE FOR EACH BOAT), AND INSTALLATION OF MICRO-WAVE COMPATIBLE COMMUNICATIONS. YARD WORK ON HULLS AND EQUIPMENT INSTALLATION CAN BE DONE COMMERCIALLY IN CARTAGENA. TOTAL REFIT COST ESTIMATED AT $450,000 FOR ALL FOUR CRAFT.

(8) MICRO-WAVE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR SEVEN EXISTING SHORT-RANGE PATROL CRAFT USED IN HARBORS AND IN-SHORE ALONG THE CARIBBEAN COAST. MICRO-WAVE INSTALLATIONS WOULD TIE THESE SHORT-RANGE UNITS INTO OVERALL NARCO COMMAND SET-UP AND ENABLE THEM TO WORK IN CONCERT WITH LARGER SEA-GOING UNITS, AIRCRAFT AND LAND PATROLS ($75,000).

(9) SMALL LAUNCHES AND OUTBOARD MOTORS FOR RIVER AND HARBOR PATROL WORK. THESE 20-FOOT LAUNCHES ARE A PRIORITY NEED ALONG THE PUTAMAYO RIVER AND NEAR LETICIA IN EXTREME SOUTHERN COLOMBIA TO CONTROL THE ENTRY OF COCAINE PAST FROM ECUADOR AND PERU. ($150,000).

(10) LABORATORY EQUIPMENT FOR EXISTING FORENSIC LABS IN DAS, NATIONAL POLICE AND THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE. WITH COLOMBIAN CRIM-

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INAL CODE CALLING FOR QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE CHAMICAL ANALYSIS OF ALL NARCOTIC SUBSTANCES PRESENTED IN EVIDENCE AGAINST ACCUSED TRAFFICKERS, GOC NEEDS TO BEEF-UP ITS LABORATORY CAPABILITIES AND PERHAPS DECENTRALIZE THESE FACILITIES TO SERVICE NEW REGIONAL NARCO UNITS. WE AWAIT THE REPORT OF DEA CHEMIST FOX--WHO VISITED BOGOTA IN DECEMBER TO SURVEY LAB FACILITIES--BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO PIN-POINT LAB EQUIPMENT NEEDS. ($100,000).

(11) INVESTIGATORY AIDS FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL UNIFIED NARCOTCS UNITS. EQUIPMENT WOULD INCLUDE CAMERAS, TAPE RECORDERS, EVIDENCE SAFES, NARCO TEST KITS, ETC., TO GIVE NEW UNITS THE TOOLS THEY NEED TO OPERATE AS EFFICIENTLY AS EXISTING NATIONAL POLICE AND DAS UNITS HEADQUARTERED IN BOGOTA. ($125,000).

(12) SHORT-RANGE COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNITS TO BE FORMED UNDER UNIFIED COMMAND STRUCTURE. EQUIPMENT WOULD INCLUDE SSB AND UHF OF THE SAME TYPES NOW USED BY DAS AND NATIONAL POLICE NARCO UNITS. THIS EQUIPMENT WILL ENABLE NEWLY FORMED REGIONAL AND LOCAL UNITS TO EFFICIENTLY CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS AIMED AT MAJOR COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS. ($250,000).

E. OTHER COSTS: FOR SUPPLIES, LOCAL TRAINING AND STUDIES, CONFIDENTIAL

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TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR AN EXPANDED AGENT FORCE, AND FUEL FOR AIRCRAFT INVOLVED IN SPOTTING AND TRANSPORT WORK IN SUPPORT OF NARCOTICS OPERATIONS ($250,000). OTHER COST BUNDS TO SUPPORT EXPANDED OPERATIONS WILL BE ESSENTIAL, PARTICULARLY IN THE FIRST TWO YEARS UNDER A NEW UNIFIED NARCOTICS COMMAND. THOUGH THE GOC WILL GIVE FULL SUPPORT TO ITS NEW DRUG CONTROL PROGRAM, IT DOES NOT HAVE THE FUNDS IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO PAY OPERATIONAL COST COMPONENTS OF VASTLY EXPANDED OPERATIONS. IT WILL BE INCUMBENT UPON US TO DEFRAY SOME OF THESE COSTS OVER THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF OPERATIONS UNTIL GOC CAN MAKE ADDITIONAL FUNDING AVAILABLE.

F. TOTAL FY76 AND IQ COMMODITIES: $10,400,000.

8. FY-77 PROGRAMS.

A. TDY US TECHNICIANS TO CONTINUE AT REDUCED RATE ADVISORY SERVICES FOR AGENCIES PROVIDING COMMON COMMUNICATIONS, AIR AND SEA TRANSPORT AND PATROL SERVICES FOR COMBINED NARCOTICS OPERATIONS. THREE MAN-MONTHS OF SUCH SERVICES SHOULD BE SUFFICIENT IN EACH OF THE THREE KEY FUNCTIONAL SPECIALITIES (COMMUNICATIONS, AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND DIESEL MECHANICS).

B. PARTICIPANTS: TRAINING AT DEA-WASHINGTON FOR AN ADDITIONAL 10 TO 15 SELECTED NARCOTICS AGENTS IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED EXPANSION OF GOC REGIONAL AND LOCAL NARCOTICS UNITS TO BE MADE UP OF ALL PARTICIPATING AGENCIES UNDER UNIFIED COMMAND.

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C. IN-COUNTRY TRAINING (MTTS): DEA AND US CUSTOMS IN-COUNTRY TRAINING FOR AN ADDITIONAL 60 TO 90 NARCOTICS AGENTS IN ALL SERVICES, INCLUDING AGENT-INSTRUCTORS. AGAIN, THIS TRAINING WILL ASSURE QUALIFIED PERSONNEL TO MAN A VASTLY EXPANDED AND UNIFIED NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL AND LOCAL LEVELS.

D. COMMODITIES:

(1) TWO ADDITIONAL BELL 205A-1 HELICOPTERS TO BRING GOC CAPABILITIES IN THIS FIELD UP TO STRENGTH FOR NATION-WIDE OPERATIONS AGAINST ISOLATED TRAFFICKER AIRSTRIPS, LABS AND PLANTATIONS. ($1.6 MILLION)

(2) ADDITIONAL MICRO-WAVE RADIO EQUIPMENT TO LINK ABOVE HELICOPTERS INTO EXISTING NATIONAL MICRO-WAVE NETWORK. ($20,000)
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(3) VEHICLES FOR REGIONAL AND LOCAL NARCOTICS UNITS BEING CREATED AS PART OF THE UNIFIED NARCOTICS COMMAND STRUCTURE. A TOTAL OF SOME 22 VEHICLES WOULD BE SUPPLIED UNDER THIS PROGRAM TO GIVE NIMIMUM OVERLAND MOBILITY TO NEWLY-ESTABLISHED NARCO UNITS. ADDITIONAL VEHICLES WOULD BE SUPPLIED BY INDIVIDUAL GOC SERVICES PARTICIPATING IN THE COMBINED NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM. ($155,000)

(4) ADDITIONAL SHORTER-RANGE SSB AND UHF COMMO GEAR FOR NEW REGIONAL AND LOCAL NARCO UNITS AS THESE ARE CREATED ($250,000).

(5) ADDITIONAL INVESTIGATORY AIDS, AND OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR LOCAL NARCOTICS UNITS ($100,000).

E. OTHER COSTS: SOMEWHAT REDUCED FUNDING FOR TRAVEL, PER DIEM, AIRCRAFT FUEL AND OTHER OPERATIONAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH EXPANDED GOC DRUG ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS. ($125,000).

F. TOTAL FY-77 COMMODITIES: $2,250,000.
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